

MINUTES – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010 MEETING
ROGER MOYER RECREATION CENTER

PRESENT:

M. Keller, Chairman P. Soin, V. Chairman P. Schenck H. Leitch
J. Spencer W. Mitchell M. Scott I. M. Sims M. Doskow
T. Boston D. Graham Paul Rensted, City Liaison
Chair of the County HRC Barbara Maginley
Excused: R. Katchmar

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes are approved and adopted by common consent.

LIAISON'S REPORT: Liaison Rensted reported that he will likely have the new budget in hand by June 8, 2010.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Chair Keller reported that he will be out of town the last two weeks of June and will leave his contact information with Liaison Rensted. He thanked Commissioner Sims who accompanied him for the presentation of the outstanding student award at Annapolis High School. He read dossier of the two splendid students at St. Mary's High School and Annapolis High School, reminding all that these presentations are good public relations for the City of Annapolis

Hilary Raggio Raftowich, coordinator of the City's boards and commissions, came by tonight's meeting saying that she looks forward to working with HRC. She was thanked for her proactive approach and can be reached at HRRaftowich@annapolis.gov.

NEW BUSINESS

INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT OF K.T.: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF SPECIAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE – There was lengthy discussion regarding the report of the special committee. The committee recommended that the Commission hold a public hearing on the complaint, and it is scheduled for July 2010.

REPORT OF COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE: COMPLAINT OF B.T. – Post discussion motion was made to pursue this for mediation. All in favor. None opposed. Chair Keller will forward appropriate correspondence regarding mediation to the parties.

COMPLAINT OF J.C.– Post discussion motion was made to pursue this complaint for mediation unless the Complaints Committee decides otherwise based on additional conversation with the parties. Motion passed with one abstention.

SELECTION OF NOMINEE FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AWARD AT 2011 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST – The biography of Zina Pierre

was distributed and read. Following discussion, motion was made to award this recognition to her. Approval was unanimous. Commissioner Spencer will inquire of her whether she will accept the award.

ELECTION OF HRC OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011 – Chair Keller reported that he is willing to serve again as Chair, and Commissioner Mitchell is willing to serve as Vice Chair with Commissioner Soin stepping down from that office. Motion was made to accept the nominations. All were in favor; none opposed.

UPDATE ON REQUEST THAT HRC COMMISSIONERS SERVE AS MEMBERS OF AN APPEALS BOARD FOR RESIDENTS BANNED FROM ANNAPOLIS PUBLIC HOUSING. – Four commissioners had volunteered: Commissioners Sims, Leitch, Scott and Boston. Chair Keller reported that Cynthia Carter, who had made the initial request for volunteers from the Commission, told him that those appointed would be contacted soon.

REPORT ON MEETINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – Barbara Maginley reported that the County HRC's liaison to the City HRC will rotate in the future.

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ANNAPOLIS MOSAICS - Chair Keller reported that one of the two part-time staff who provided the camera work for the various shows on City of Annapolis Television has taken another job and his position will not be filled. Therefore, there will be no new tapings until the City figures out how to handle this responsibility. It is possible that the organizations sponsoring the shows will have to provide their own camera personnel. Commissioner Graham volunteered to look into the availability of a student at Anne Arundel Community College if this proves necessary.

PROGRESS ON FILLING COMMISSION VACANCIES – Chair Keller reminded that there will be three vacancies once Commissioner Soin steps down. Commissioner Boston reported that he is looking into a possible candidate to serve as youth commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: This was at approximately 8:20 p.m.